

**Series "Jesus Is Better"**  
**"Our Great High Priest"**  
**Hebrews 4:14-16**  
**Study-9**

**Jesus Said There Is Only One Way To God: John 14:6.**

**Jesus Alone Has All Authority: Matthew 28:18.**

**Hebrews 4:14**

**Hebrews 4:14-5:10 – Jesus, Better Than Aaron.**

**On Legal Ground, How Could Jesus Christ Possibly Be A Priest?**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** Our Great High Priest Ascended To Heaven, Tempted, Yet Sinless, Encourages Us To Claim His Mercy With Confidence.

**1. Verse 14 – Our Confession**

**2. Verse 15 – Our Understanding**

**3. Verse 16 – Our Prayer**

**1. Verse 14 – Our Confession:**

Hebrews 4:14

"Since then" – Hebrews 4:1-13 – Don't Miss God's Rest.

Hebrews 4:12

"we have a great high priest" – Hebrews 1:3; 2:17-18; 3:1

**3 Great Truths About Our Great High Priest:**

**1. Jesus Is The Great High Priest:** "great high priest" – the word great – "superior to".

Hebrews 10:21 – "superior to any other priest."

Hebrews 13:20 – "superior to any other shepherd."

Greatness Of His Person – Hebrews 1:1-4:13

Greatness Of His Sacrificial Work – Hebrews 4:14-10:18

- 2. Great High Priest Ascended:** “who has passed through the heavens,” – This is referring to the ascension of Jesus Christ. (Work Completed) Hebrews 1:3

**There are 3 Heavens mentioned in the Scripture:**

1. The atmospheric heaven that surrounds the earth – Deuteronomy 11:11
2. The heaven that contains the sun, moon, and stars – Genesis 1:14
3. The third heaven, associated with paradise or the very presence of the Father – 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

Ephesians 4:10

**In the tabernacle and the temple, there were three areas:** (1) The outer court, (2) the Holy Place, (3) and the Holy of Holies.

Leviticus 16 – High Priest went in, sprinkled the blood on the mercy seat, and came back out.

**Jesus Christ went into the heavenly Holy of Holies, the third section of the heavenly sanctuary, and has remained there.**

Hebrews 9:24

Hebrews 10:19

Hebrews 7:26

- 3. Great High Priest Is Jesus The Son of God:** “Jesus the Son of God,” – The name Jesus stresses His humanity.

“Son of God,” – declares His deity. Jesus received the priesthood from God!; His Father.

**Jesus is one person with two natures.** He thus understands both the position of man and the purpose of God.

1 Timothy 2:5

**Our Response To Our Great High Priest:** “let us hold fast” – “cling to, includes determination.”

“our confession” – can also be translated “profession”. It literally means “same word, to say the same thing.”

Hebrews 13:12-13

The Confession: Hebrews 3:1

“the Apostle” – “one sent with a commission, The Deity Of Jesus.” – one who is sent by an authoritative head to do something with the full investment of power.”

“High Priest” – A high priest is literally “a priest who rules”. The Humanity Of Jesus – The Deity of Jesus, Making Him The Perfect Offering; that of Himself For The Sins Of The World!

## **2. Verse 15 – Our Understanding:**

Hebrews 4:15

### **Jesus’ Ministry Is That Of Compassion.**

Our High Priest Sympathizes With Us: term sympathize – literally means “to suffer along with, to share the experience of another, to sympathize through common experience.”

Hebrews 2:17

The Incarnation Of Jesus Christ Was Real! Incarnation – its components “in” and “flesh”; John 1:14 – “the Word became flesh”

### **Jesus Exhibited Human Characteristics.**

### **Jesus Possesses Attributes Which Only God Has.**

### **Jesus Performs Works Only God Could Do.**

“weaknesses,” – Jesus experienced physical limits of human flesh.  
Hebrews 2:11

Jesus experienced temptations that cover and supersede whatever we may experience. Hebrews 2:18.

It was within the will of God for Jesus to be tempted by Satan,  
Matthew 4:1-11.

1 John 2:16

Hebrews 12:1

Our High Priest Remains Sinless: "yet without sin."

The Bible does say, 2 Cor. 5:21 – "knew no sin"; 1 Peter 2:22 – "did no sin" and 1 John 3:5 – "in him is no sin".

2 Timothy 2:14

John 8:46

### **3. Verse 16 – Our Prayer:**

Hebrews 4:16

"Let us therefore" – We have a great high priest that has ascended to heaven, one that was made like us in all ways and was tempted but victorious in temptation, who is sympathetic.

"draw near with confidence" – "free and open speech of citizens with one another"; NT "bold frankness"; an outpouring of the heart.

Esther 4:11

The means of access to that throne has been made available to every believer; thus each can come "boldly," or "with confidence"

The Throne Of Grace: "to the throne of grace" – "unmerited favor of God, undeserved favor, supply of undeserved blessing, the love that pardons the guilty", James 4:6.

God's Mercy: "that we may receive mercy" – "not receiving what we truly deserve, the remission of deserved judgment, the love that helps the wretched."

Psalm 103:8

Psalm 103:13

God's Grace Unrestricted: "in time of need." – "good time, grace appropriate to the time."

## **Application:**

- 1. Confession:** Jesus, Our High Priest, Has Ascended Into Heaven, After Completing Our Redemption, Into God The Father's Presence On Our Behalf.
- 2. Understanding:** Jesus Really Sympathizes With Our Weakness, Since Jesus Was Tempted In All Things As We Are, Yet Without Sin.
- 3. Prayer:** God Bids Us To Come Boldly And Confidently Through Prayer To The Throne Of Grace To Find Mercy And Grace Appropriate To The Time.